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SUBJECT: BURMA RESEARCH CONGRESS

1. GUB HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ANNUAL BURMA RESEARCH CONGRESS WILL BE HELD DECEMBER 27 THROUGH 31, 1973. ANNUAL RESEARCH CONGRESS IS OCCASION FOR PRESENTATION OF VIRTUALLY ALL RESEARCH PAPERS COMPLETED DURING PREVIOUS YEAR.

2. AT ANNUAL MEETING OF ASSOCIATION FOR ASIAN STUDIES IN MARCH 1973, BURMA STUDIES GROUP DISCUSSED PLANS FOR ONE U.S. SCHOLAR INTERESTED IN BURMA TO ATTEND RESEARCH CONGRESS. LINGUIST HAIGH ROOP (UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII) WAS SUGGESTED.

3. IN ADDITION, AS PART OF CONTINUING EFFORT TO EXPAND CONTACTS BETWEEN BURMESE AND U.S. SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT HIGHLY DESIRABLE FOR ONE USG SCIENTIST TO ATTEND CONFERENCE AND UTILIZE OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET AND DISCUSS RESEARCH INTERESTS WITH BURMESE SCIENTISTS. SINCE MEDICINE IS ONLY FIELD IN WHICH MOST PAPERS ARE IN ENGLISH, BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE IF METZNER COULD ATTEND. ALTERNATIVELY, WE WOULD WELCOME ATTENDANCE BY SCIENCE ATTACHE NEW DELHI OR SOME OTHER MEMBER OF HIS STAFF.

4. TO AVOID CONVEYING IMPRESSION OF EXCESSIVE INTEREST OR OVER-
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DOING U.S. PRESENCE, WE BELIEVE NOT MORE THAN TWO U.S. SCHOLARS SHOULD BE PRESENT AT CONGRESS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT PLEASE INFORM BURMA STUDIES GROUP OF
PLANNED DATES FOR RESEARCH CONGRESS, AND SEEK TO ASCERTAIN IF
ROOP OR SOME OTHER U.S. SCHOLAR PLANS ATTEND ON BEHALF OF AAS.
NEW DELHI PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER METZNER OR SOMEONE ELSE MAY BE
ABLE ATTEND.
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